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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A trailer bus is operating between Adyar and Parrys Corner from 22nd October 1965 on an experimental basis.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is there any proposal to introduce such buses in other routes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, we are watching the working, the collection, the manoeuvreability of the vehicles and other factors. A decision will be taken after examination of these things. In any event, we want to try in one or more routes before taking a final decision, and the next trailer bus will be introduced in Poonamallee High Road.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, will the Government take into consideration the great hardship that will be caused to the general public and general traffic by the introduction of these buses, because already the State Transport buses are driven very rashly by the drivers? Not only are the public aware of it, but the Police also know this.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, is it then the hon. Members suggestion that the trailer buses should not be introduced?

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, the present drivers cannot drive safely and in the interest of the general public. These need not be introduced now.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the hon. Member is judging before even trying the experiment.

Price of a standard measure of rice

* 239 *Q.*—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state the price of a standard measure of rice in the open market (i) at the time of introduction of food control by the Government; and (ii) after its introduction?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (i) The price of rice in the open market at *the time of introduction of food control* in the Madras State ranged from 62 Paise to 79 Paise per litre.

(ii) The price after *introduction of food control* in the Madras State ranged from 60 Paise to 72 Paise per litre.

Supply of Milk to the Madhavaram Milk Project by Co-operative Societies

* 240 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state the number of Co-operative Societies that supply milk to the Madhavaram Milk Project in the districts of Chingleput, North Arcot and South Arcot ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A paper [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : From the paper placed on the table of the House, Sir, it is seen that more milk comes from Erode and other places, whereas the co-operatives in the Chingleput and South Arcot districts are not encouraged. What are the reasons for this?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, it is not a question of any encouragement. The quantity of milk available locally was not sufficient. So, for the extra milk we had to go to Erode and other places.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Do the Government propose to give more aid to the co-operative societies in these districts and such other societies and Projects as Madhavaram colony and see that they augment the supplies ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, whatever help is required it is considered and given.

Adulteration of ghee with vanaspathi

* 241 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that ghee is adulterated with Vanaspathi ; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such adulteration ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Ghee samples are being taken from vendors in the City and muffasal regularly. Such of those vendors selling ghee adulterated with Vanaspathi are being prosecuted. The adulterated stuff is also often seized and destroyed with the permission of the Court.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, may I know what happened to the proposal of colouring Vanaspathi to enable detection of adulteration ? I think there was such a proposal under consideration.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, I have no information of any such proposal.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that Vanaspathi is harmful to health to a certain extent ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : That is why, Sir, prosecutions have been launched when it is mixed with ghee.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : How many cases were booked for adulteration of ghee with vanaspathi ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I want notice, Sir.